

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims is set forth below for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (Previously Presented) An information broadcasting method characterized by:
consulting a given person's itinerary; and
automatically broadcasting to one or more of an information terminal and at least one communication address for said given person, pre-registered advertising information or reference information in connection with dates and times, and/or places according to a travel schedule of the given person and travel progress determined from a travel schedule which is updated using travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.
2. (Previously Presented) An information broadcasting method for broadcasting, from an information-provision service device, to travelers information in connection with travel destinations, the information broadcasting method comprising:
registering in the information-provision service device communications addresses for the travelers and travel schedules in which the travelers participate;
registering in the information-provision service device relevant information in connection with to-be-visited travel destinations in the travel schedule, as well as broadcasting prerequisites for broadcasting the relevant information; and
matching the broadcasting prerequisites for the relevant information with the travel schedules, extracting travelers who meet the broadcasting prerequisites, and broadcasting the relevant information to the extracted travelers' communications addresses according to travel progress of the extracted travelers determined from travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.
3. (Previously Presented) An information broadcasting method for broadcasting, from travel service providers, to travelers information in connection with travel destinations, the information broadcasting method comprising:
storing communications addresses for the travelers, travel plans in which the travelers participate, and travel-plan schedules;

providing travel-plan schedules to third parties other than the travel service providers or the travelers;

accepting from the third parties relevant information in connection with to-be-visited travel destinations in the travel plan, as well as broadcasting prerequisites for broadcasting the relevant information;

extracting based on the foregoing stored information travelers who meet the broadcasting prerequisites and/or travelers anticipated to meet the broadcasting prerequisites; and

broadcasting at predetermined times said relevant information to the communications addresses for the extracted travelers, the predetermined times being determined from travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.

4. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 3, wherein: predetermined personal information is stored correlatively with the communications addresses; and

if the broadcasting prerequisites have been designated preceding registration of said relevant information, predetermined detailed information, wherein information for specifying travelers is excluded from the personal information for travelers anticipated to meet the broadcasting prerequisites, is provided to the third parties.

5. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 3, wherein said communications addresses are changed according to the travel-plan schedules.

6. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 3, wherein: receiving-condition designations including need for broadcast of the relevant information, and/or type of relevant information to be broadcast is accepted from the travelers; and if the receiving conditions and the broadcast prerequisites match, the relevant information is broadcast.

7. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 3, wherein the third parties are billed according to broadcast count for the relevant information and/or amount of data broadcast.

8. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 3, wherein: use of predetermined tickets while the travel plans are under way is sensed, and modifications to the travel-plan schedules are detected based on tracking use of the tickets.

9. (ORIGINAL) An information broadcasting method according to claim 8, wherein travelers meeting the broadcasting prerequisites and/or travelers anticipated to meet the broadcasting prerequisites are extracted based on the modified travel-plan schedules.

10. (Previously Presented) An information broadcasting device for broadcasting, from a travel service provider, to travelers information in connection with travel destinations, the information broadcasting device comprising:

storage means for correlatively storing communications addresses for the travelers, travel plans in which the travelers participate, and travel-plan schedules;

provision means for providing travel-plan schedules to third parties other than the travel service providers or the travelers;

acceptance means for accepting from third parties relevant information in connection with to-be-visited travel destinations in the travel plan, as well as broadcasting prerequisites for broadcasting the relevant information;

extraction means for extracting based on the foregoing stored information travelers who meet the broadcasting prerequisites and/or travelers anticipated to meet the broadcasting prerequisites; and

broadcasting means for broadcasting at predetermined times said relevant information to the communications addresses for the extracted travelers, broadcasting means adjusting the predetermined times based on travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.

11. (Previously Presented) An information broadcasting method for broadcasting, from travel service providers, to travelers information in connection with travel destinations, the information broadcasting method comprising:

correlatively storing communications addresses for the travelers, travel plans in which the travelers participate, and travel-plan schedules;

providing the travel-plan schedules to third parties;

accepting from third parties advertisement designations for travelers participating in the

travel plans;

broadcasting at predetermined times which are correlated with the travel-plan schedules, the advertisements to communications addresses for the travelers participating in the travel plans wherein the predetermined times are adjusted based on travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable recording medium on which is recorded a program for executing an advertisement broadcasting method used in an advertisement provision device connected via a network to a plurality of user terminals, a plurality of advertiser terminals, and a plurality of travel agency terminals, the program recorded on a recording medium executing:

a process for providing to user terminals or travel agency terminals a screen for inputting information in connection with travel reservations and/or information in connection with receiving conditions for advertisement information;

a process for correlatively storing in a storage device users, travel schedules, and advertisement receiving conditions, based reservation information sent from user terminals or travel agency terminals;

a process for providing to the advertiser terminals a screen for inputting advertising data broadcast to travelers and broadcasting prerequisites;

a process for storing in a storage device advertising data broadcast to travelers and broadcasting prerequisites, sent from advertiser terminals;

a process for comparing travelers' receiving conditions with advertisement broadcasting prerequisites and specifying matching travelers; and

sending advertising data to the specified travelers, in accordance with the travel schedules, wherein the travel schedules are updated using travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information.